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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUCHAREST 5764

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SUBJECT: CARRILLO VISITS ROMANIA

1. SUMMARY. SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER SANTIAGO CARRILLO VISITED ROMANIA JULY 30-AUGUST 1. HIGHLIGHTS OF VISIT WAS MEETING WITH CEAUSESCU IN WHICH BOTH LEADERS REAFFIRMED THEIR CLOSE RELATIONS, THE NEED TO APPLY MARXIST DOCTRINE TO CONCRETE CONDITIONS FOUND IN EACH COUNTRY, AND TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF EACH PARTY TO FORMULATE ITS OWN STRATEGY AND TACTICS. NEITHER FACT OF CARRILLO'S PRESENCE NOR CONTENT OF STATEMENT BREAKS NEW GROUND, BUT TIMING OF VISIT MUST BE CONSIDERED AN INTENTIONAL REBUFF TO SOVIETS. GIVEN USUAL ROMANIAN  
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BALANCING, WE NOW ANTICIPATE SOME IMPORTANT GESTURE TO USSR IN NEAR FUTURE, POSSIBLY A CEAUSESCU TRIP TO THE CRIMEA. END SUMMARY.

2. CARRILLO ARRIVED BUCHAREST SATURDAY AFTERNOON JULY 30 AND WAS IMMEDIATELY WHISKED TO BLACK SEA COAST WHERE CEAUSESCU IS CURRENTLY IN RESIDENCE. HE MET WITH

CEAUSCESCU SUNDAY, HAD LUNCH WITH HIM AND MRS. CEAUSCESCU, AND DEPARTED MONDAY MORNING AUGUST 1.

3. PRESS AUGUST 1 AND 2 CARRIED QUASI-COMMUNIQUE ARTICLE ACCOMPANIED BY FRONT-PAGE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE TWO MEN. ARTICLE REPORTS THAT CEAUSCESCU ASKED CARRILLO TO TRANSMIT A "CORDIAL SALUTE OF FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY" TO SPANISH PEOPLE AND TO EXPRESS TO PCE HIS "HOPES FOR NEW VICTORIES IN ITS WORK, TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER PROGRESSIVE, DEMOCRATIC, AND PATRIOTIC FORCES" OF SPAIN.

4. TURNING TO INTER-PARTY RELATIONS, NO DIRECT MENTION IS MADE OF CARRILLO-MOSCOW FLAP, BUT BOTH REPEAT PREVIOUSLY STATED POSITIONS. CEAUSCESCU AND CARRILLO EXPRESSED THEIR "COMPLETE SATISFACTION" WITH PRESENT STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THEIR TWO PARTIES AND PRAISED THE "ASCENDING COURSE" OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. AGREEING ON IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING "A NEW TYPE OF UNITY IN COMMUNIST AND WORKERS MOVEMENT", THEY NOTED THE DIVERSITY OF CONDITIONS IN EACH COUNTRY AND CONCLUDED THAT "A FUNDAMENTAL CONDITION FOR THE SUCCESS OF EACH PARTY'S HISTORIC MISSION IS THE CREATIVE APPLICATION OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM TO CONCRETE REALITIES." SUCH A POLICY "PRESUPPOSES RIGOROUS RESPECT FOR THE RIGHT OF EACH PARTY TO ESTABLISH FOR ITSELF, IN AN AUTONOMOUS WAY, ITS POLICIES, POLITICAL LINE, STRATEGY, AND REVOLUTIONARY TACTICS, WITH NO INTERVENTION WHATSOEVER FROM OUTSIDE." CONFIDENTIAL

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FINALLY, BOTH LEADERS "GAVE A POSITIVE EVALUATION TO THE STEPS TAKEN TOWARD UNDERSTANDING, COLLABORATION, AND DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMON PLATFORM AND ACTION PROGRAM AMONG THE COMMUNIST, SOCIALIST, AND SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTIES AND ALL OTHER PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES."

5. COMMENT: NETIERH FACT OF CARRILLO'S VISIT NOR TEXT OF QUASI-COMMUNIQUE IS NEW. CARRILLO OFTEN DROPS IN--HE WAS HERE FOUR TIMES IN 1975, TWO OF WHICH WERE SHORT VISITS LIKE THE CURRENT ONE, AND ONCE IN 1976, AND HE AND CEAUSCESCU ARE KNOWN TO GET ALONG QUITE WELL TOGETHER. ACCORDING TO SCINTEIA, PRESENT VISIT WAS AT PERSONAL INVITATION OF CEAUSCESCU, A NOT UNPRECEDENTED FORMULA WHICH IS INCREASINGLY BEING USED FOR HEADS OF FRATERNAL PARTIES. NEVERTHELESS, WE HAVE NO INDICATION WHETHER REAL INITIATIVE FOR VISIT CAME FROM CEAUSCESCU OR CARRILLO.

6. SPANISH EMBASSY HERE WAS TOTALLY UNAWARE THAT CARRILLO WAS COMING, HAD NO CONTACT WITH HIM, AND HAS NO GOOD EXPLANATION FOR WHY HE CAME. NOR DO WE. WE CAN EXPLAIN FACT THAT, WHEN MORE OR LESS FORCED TO

TAKE A STAND ON "EUROCOMMUNIST" ISSUE, ROMANIA REPEATED FORCEFULLY  
ITS LONG-HELD POSITION OF INDEPENDENCE FOR ALL PARTIES  
(BUCHAREST 5089, 5240). HOWEVER, PHYSICAL PRESENCE OF  
CARRILLO IN ROMANIA AT THIS TIME APPEARS TO BE A GRATUITOUS  
AND INTENTIONAL SLAP AT THE SOVIETS, SOMETHING GOR IS  
USUALLY RELUCTANT TO DO. GIVEN ROMANIA'S TRADITIONAL  
BALANCING ACT, WE WOULD NOT NOW BE AT ALL SURPRISED TO  
SEE SOME IMPORTANT GESTURE TOWARD THE SOVIETS SUCH AS A  
CEAUSESCU TRIP TO THE CRIMEA, PROBABLY SOONER RATHER THAN  
LATER.  
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